

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner rejects claims 1-7, 16-17, 54, and 66 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the phrase “the temperature . . . adhesive” (claim 1, lines 8-9) lacks support in the Specification.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner’s rejection.

Regarding the above phrase, the Specification discloses at page 3, lines 2-7, that the permanent adhesive, such as a tie coat material, does not liquefy and ooze out around the decoration in the mold. One of ordinary skill in the art would understand this phrase to mean that the temperature of the resin in the mold is less than a melting point of the permanent adhesive. Nonetheless to expedite prosecution of the application, claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner further rejects claims 8-9, 11-14, 18-33, 35-40, and 55-56 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the phrase “a polymeric material in a portion of the molded article” (claims 8 and 22) lacks support in the Specification.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner’s rejection.

Regarding the above phrase, the Specification discloses at page 3, lines 4-7, the following:

In addition, another adhesive, such as a tie coat material, may be used instead of a normal hot melt to prevent oozing and to promote adhesion and/or chemical compatibility with the molding resin, when injecting molding a flock transfer directly to the *polymer* molded article.

(Emphasis supplied.)

At page 5, lines 8-9, the Specification states:

If a slight depression (1 mm) is build into the mold cavity to accommodate the flock transfer, it will be flush with the molded *plastic* surface of the finished part.

(Emphasis supplied.)

Finally, the Specification states at page 6, lines 16-18 that:

Thus, the thermal setting polymer material directly cross links with the *molding polymer substance*, in the injection molding process, and cures with it, to form a permanently flocked product.

(Emphasis supplied.)

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

The Examiner further rejects claims 8-9, 11-14, 18-33, 35-40, 55-65, and 67-69 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In particularly the Examiner states that the phrase “a molded article” (claim 8, line 9; claim 22, line 7; and claim 57, line 7) is confusing because it is unclear whether or not it is related to the molded article in the preamble.

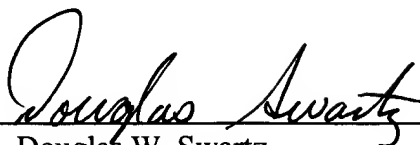
Applicant has amended the claims to overcome this rejection.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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